



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ijdo et al.

Attorney Docket No.
080395.52547C1 (051344-5037)

Application No. 10/620,617

Filed: July 17, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1755

For: VISCOSITY STABLE
SMECTITE CLAY SLURRIES

Examiner: Michael A. Marcheschi

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME AND FEE TRANSMITTAL**


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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, having a three month period for response expiring March 27, 2006, by two months up to and including May 27, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. **50-0310**.

Respectfully submitted,


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